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## School Board Honors Outstanding Teachers and Staff

It's not every day teachers and support staff employees receive the royal treatment. But five teachers and six support staff employees were honored by the Falls Church City School Board, last week, during a special reception and recognition program at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. The teachers were nominees for the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award, and the support staff members were nominees for the FCCPS Support Employee of the Year Award.

Earlier this year, Thomas Jefferson Elementary School speech and language Teacher Denise O'Neil was selected to receive the Agnes Meyer award from the *Washington Post*. Superintendent's Secretary and School Board Deputy Clerk Barbara Mitchell was selected to receive the FCCPS Support Employee of the Year Award. All nominees received plaques and the two winners received cash awards. Delegate Jim Scott was also on hand to present the winners with recognition certificates from the Virginia General Assembly.



FCCPS faculty and staff members were honored for excellence during a recognition program at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. Pictured front row (l-r): teachers Nick Werkman, Joel Block, Denise O'Neil, Janet Weber, Susan Johnson. Back row: Jennie Adkins, Sue Wallen, Barbara Mitchell, Mary Werner, Elizabeth Cate. Not pictured: Pat Smith.

FCCPS Teacher of the Year Honor Roll		FCCPS Support Employee of the Year Honor Roll	
2007 Denise O'Neil, TJ	1997 John Ballou, GMHS	2007 Barbara Mitchell,	1986 Steven J. Klass, GMHS
2006 Carol Monsess, MD	1996 Heidi Lang, TJ	Superintendent's Secretary	1985 Mary Lee Tatum, GMHS
2005 Mary Jo Webster, GMHS	1995 Grace Risetto, GMHS	2006 Bob Nissen,	1984 Lindy Hockenberry, GMHS
2004 Emily Florence, TJ	1994 Lois Blevins, MD	Maintenance Supervisor	
2003 Cay Wiant, GMMS	1993 Martha Ramey, TJ	2005 Marco de las Casas, School Bus	
2002 June Chalou, TJ	1992 Frank Sheedy, GMHS	Driver and Courier	
2001 Frank Marino, GMHS	1991 Gail Lanouette, TJ		
2000 Linda Johnsen, GMHS	1990 Robert W. Snee, GMHS		
1999 Patricia English Sand, TJ	1989 Trudy Taylor, TJ		
1998 Nancy Brown, TJ	1988 Michael J. Hoover, GMHS		
	1987 Ann Felker, TJ		

## Glover, Martinez Named National Merit Scholars

When it comes to paying college tuition, every little bit helps. But not only are two George Mason High School seniors picking up \$2,500 scholarships this year, they also are receiving a great amount of prestige for their academic resumes.

Brian Glover and Elena Martinez were selected from a group of 1.4 million students nationwide to receive this year's National Merit Corporate Scholarship. Martinez, who has been accepted to attend Princeton University beginning this fall, says she's undecided in her educational studies path at the moment. Glover, who will head south to Duke University after the summer break, says "I'm leaning toward business but that could change." Martinez upon hearing that said, "He'll be President one day."

The scholarships are sponsored annually by the Illinois-based National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The organization will make two more scholarship announcements before the end of the school year.



George Mason High seniors Brian Glover (left) and Elena Martinez are recipients of \$2,500 National Merit Scholarships.

## FCCPS Mathematics Curriculum Study

The Falls Church City Public Schools conducts regularly scheduled curriculum studies for each major program area. The Mathematics Curriculum Study will begin in September 2007, and an organizational meeting will be held in late May or early June. A parent from each of the four schools and representatives from the community are asked to participate in this comprehensive review process. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or desire more information, please contact Dr. Gloria Guba, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, 803 W. Broad Street, Suite 320, 703-248-5603, or e-mail [gjguba@fcpcs.org](mailto:gjguba@fcpcs.org).

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**May**

**18-25** IB Exams (GM)

**18** 1:00 PM Rising 5th Grade Orientation (MEH)  
 TBA - Bull Run District Tourney @ Mason (Softball)  
 TBA - Bull Run District Tourney @ Mason (B/G Soccer)

**19** George Mason Prom

**21** 5:00 PM Mason @ Clarke County (G Tennis)  
 7:30 PM PTA Meeting (MEH)  
 MEH Jazz Band/String Ensemble Performs

**22** 7:30 PM School Board Meeting (City Hall)  
 TBA - Bull Run District Tourney @ Mason (B Soccer)

**23** 5:00 PM Mt. Daniel Art Show (MD)

**24** 7:00 PM Rising 2nd Grade Parents Meeting (TJ)  
 TBA - Bull Run District Final @ Mason (B Soccer)

(MD) Mt. Daniel Elementary  
 (TJ) Thomas Jefferson Elementary  
 (MEH) Mary Ellen Henderson Middle  
 (GM) George Mason High

Check the FCCPS Web site for more calendar information.  
[www.fcpcs.org](http://www.fcpcs.org)

## Next Preschool Screening— June 6th

A Child Find Day is held at Mt. Daniel throughout the school year on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30-3:30 pm. Parents may have their children screened for suspected delays in speech/language, fine and/or gross motor skills, cognitive abilities and daily living skills. Those children identified as eligible may receive special education services through Falls Church City Public Schools. Child Find is an opportunity for children with special needs to receive early intervention services. Parents who have concerns regarding the development of their preschool age child (two years old by September 30, 2006) may contact Ann Gordon, Child Find Coordinator, at 703-248-5650 to discuss their concerns and schedule an appointment for the next Child Find Day.

## FCC-TV Spotlight: Journey to the East

Tune in to Falls Church Community Television (FCC-TV) to watch *Journey to the East*. See the latest news and cultural information from the Vietnamese/Laotian/Khmer communities of Northern Virginia. *Journey to the East* airs on the following days and times:

- Mondays - Fridays at 2 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m.



FCC-TV airs on Cox Channel 12, Starpower/RCN Channel 2 and Verizon Channel 35. For a complete schedule of the variety of community programs on FCC-TV, visit [www.fccvtv.net](http://www.fccvtv.net).

### BIE Partner of the Week

## Dr. Paul B. Cannon

### Falls Church Foot and Ankle Center

**School Involvement:** Sponsors the George Mason High School Athletic Boosters; advertised in the George Mason Mustang Yearbook; sponsors Operation EarthWatch environmental education program; donated items for new teacher welcome gift bags.

**Why Dr. Cannon is a BIE Partner:** "I live and work in Falls Church. I support the schools because I see so much good happening there for our children and community. I want to do my part to support this important institution."

For more information about sharing your expertise through the BIE Partnership, visit [www.fcpcs.org](http://www.fcpcs.org) or contact Marybeth Connelly at [connelym@fcpcs.org](mailto:connelym@fcpcs.org).

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### Summer Day Care & Middle School Summer Activities Program 2007

For children entering grades 1-8  
**All families eligible**  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. daily  
(Open to Falls Church City Residents and Non-city residents)

Special guests each week!  
 Swimming at Upton Hill's fun new pool!  
 Fun & enriching activities!

Fabulous weekly Field Trips!  
 Daily Literacy Program!  
 Special Projects!

& Much, Much, More!

**Register Now!!**

Registration packets available online ([www.fcpcs.org](http://www.fcpcs.org) click on day care link) or From day care office trailer at 601 South Oak Street (Thomas Jefferson Elementary) or At Day Care Centers